

Order of Worship
December 02, 2018 – 11:00 a.m.
First Sunday of Advent

Welcome & Announcements

Introit: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" # 9
(verses 1 & 2)

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: The Candle of Hope

Leader: Today is the first Sunday in Advent. Advent is the time when our excitement grows as we prepare once again for the birth of Jesus. Read with me the words of promise from chapter 33 of the prophet Jeremiah, verses 14-16:

All: "The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'"

Leader: As we begin this season of Advent, we wait with hope for the fulfillment of God's promises in the birth of Jesus, our Savior and Light of the world. We light the Candle of Hope.

Unison Prayer: Holy God, you have promised to bring salvation and justice to your creation. As we wait for the arrival of the Savior, may we live as those who have already been saved by your grace – and may we share that grace with others. Amen.

*Hymn: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" # 2

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

Lord, we are not ready for your coming because we live as though there are no consequences of our actions or justice. We live in chaos as though there are no light or peace. We live in fear as though there is no hope for the future. Forgive us, Lord for our short-sightedness. Show us your mercy and

steadfast love. Lead us in your truth and teach us your paths for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.

Confession Response: **"Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us."** # 574

Assurance of Pardon

Greeting One Another

*Response "Gloria Patri" # 579

HEARING THE WORD

Let the Children Come

Choral Music

Scripture Reading: Luke 21:25-36

Sermon: "Living in-between Two Advents"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: "Come to the Table of Grace" insert

Eucharist

Invitation to the Table

May the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Offertory and Presentation of Gifts to God

*Doxology # 592

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" # 5

*Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response: "Amen"